



Memorandum

1896



(24)

18 Nov. 1886

Left home at 10-45, Drove
to Missys. 23 m

19 Nov.

Drove to San Diego and
put up at the Peoples Corral.
Saw four Sialia arctica near
Lakeside. 26 m

20 Nov

Spent most of the day
getting things in shape for
the journey. The Custom
House broker got the papers
ready late in the afternoon
and we started about 5 P.M.
and drove below National City
camping late 6 m

21 Nov

Passed the Custom House
by noon and about 6 miles
east the front axle broke.
Paid 21 ~~36~~, Mexican silver,
clutch. The official was
not strict in examining
our loads. 15 m

22 Nov. 1896

Fred Paine took the broken axle on the buckboard and went to San Diego today.

I had 10 mammals of four species in my traps this morning. Windy in P.M. and threatened rain at night, so we set up the tent, but the sky became clear soon after dark. A Mexican boy passed today with two female ~~Blue-winged Teals~~ and Green-wing Teals and said they were the commonest kind now.

23 Nov

Fred got back with the mended axle by eight A.M., having started from San Diego at 3 in the morning, so we put it in and got started on at 11-40. Took the main main road and found it very good most of the way. Cattle are very poor. Houses few and very few improvements. Camped in the Canyons

24 Nov 1896

Turned off the Ensenada road soon after starting in the morning. Passed Tiaorte just before lunch (com). Had a long hill at 3 to 4 P.M., and rain began falling as we reached the top. Just beyond the forks of the road we camped in the edge of the (Valentine?) valley, on the road turning south, as there was no feed on the Campo road. Most of the road was steady easy grade, but the last hill was harder grade. Gained 2000 feet altitude in the day. 18 m

25 Nov,

Raining slowly all day. We drove over to Campo and put our horses in the barn. In the afternoon Fred and I went out to Guskills and had a talk with him and Jenkins, who was there, from the Desert. 5 m

26 Nov, 1896

Occasional misty showers in the morning, but clear by night. Drove to Jacumba Valley. The divide above Walker Valley is about 3760 alt. Walker Valley 2000, Jacumba 2700, 23 m

27 Nov

Drove to Coyote Well, arriving an hour after dark. The grade down to Mountain Spring was not very steep but was a little rough. The cañon below Mountain Spring was in very bad condition, about as bad a road as I ever drove over. Alt. of divide above Mountain Spring 3100; of the spring 2300, of Coyote Well about 150. Saw a ♂ Sialia arctica on the divide only a mile or two above north of the Mexican line, 21 m

28 Nov

George was quite lame this morning so we made slow progress. At noon halt I found a nail was broken off in his fore foot, and we dug it out, and he got much better. Reached the Old Indian Well Station at dark, but there was no water so we drove on. The road was dirt, so one of us went ahead with a lantern to pilot the wagon. Reached Cameron Lake at 9 P. M. The water was so bad at Coyote Well that we dared give the horses but part of a bucket of water each, so they were thirsty enough.

29 Nov.

26 m

Laid over. Hunted ducks in the forenoon, and skinned birds in the afternoon. Ducks and avocets are plenty.

30 Nov,

Drove to the Remade by about 3 P.M. Road was pretty good most of the way. No fuel here to amount to anything. 18 mi

1 Dec

Ford and I went out to Black Mountain in the morning. On getting near we decided to climb it. From the summit we could see over a vast plain, sandy to the north and west, & dark with timber to the east. Near the base of the butte, eastward, was the lake-like New River basin, fed by the Padrones branch of the Colorado River, and from which New River overflows at high water, running north west out on the desert, and the Boarder flows out south to the Gulf. Black Mountain is an old volcanic crater, the crater cup being yet in perfect condition, the rock is black, but unlike any

lava I have seen, yet bears
the appearance of having been
melted,

2 Dec

Fred and I went up into
the Lacopah Mts to look for
a spring or tank, that was
said to be there. We failed
to find it. Saw plenty of deer
tracks, some of them very large.
The deer seem to run on the slope
between the mountain and the
overflowed land, but do not go
up the canons but a short distance.
Fred saw a band as we were
coming back to camp, but they
were too far away for an
effective shot. As he was
taking out the horses to stake
out for the night, he saw
six more, one being very
small. We saw many
small tracks, as if of fawns
during the day.

3 Dec

Drove to opposite Black Mtn
in the forenoon. But gyath
and packed in two loads on
the horses. Then and I
climbed Black Mountain
and photographed the crater
but we got to the summit too
late in the afternoon to get
a good picture. 6 m

4 Dec

Between Fred and I we had
about 65 traps out last night,
this morning Fred had one
mouse and I had hit a hair,

Drove past the mud volcanoes
and camped on the Hardy.
Got camp in shape in the
afternoon, and just before
dark went fishing with quite
a catch. There may be camped
near us, who go to the springs
at the "ink" lake to bathe; one
is trapping here and out along some
coyotes, wild cats and coons, 6 m

5 Dec

Fern and I went out to Black Lake and took a bath and photographed the " mud volcanoes" Very fine weather.

6 Dec

Fred went across the river, starting for the Calabazas Rancharia, but about five miles out he shot a deer and came back with it. Margarita caught two wildcats this morning, which I bought and skinned.

7 Dec

Fred (and I) went over where he shot the deer yesterday but we found no deer. On the way back we shot a number of fulicorns and brought in four. Very windy.

8 Dec

Staid in camp all day. Fred went to Poso Vicente, where he saw a cremation of an Indian.

9 Dec

In the afternoon we drove to the
Caso Vicente slough, 6 m.

10 Dec

Fred killed two big bucks this
afternoon, half a mile from
camp, in a place where I had
shot at ducks an hour or so
before, and had passed by
several times during the day.

11 Dec

Skinned deer. This morning
a Customs officer and a Tax
Collector (Mexicans) came into
camp. They found our papers
all straight and were very
pleasant. They are on their way
to Yuma, from Juarez, and to
Ensenada. Fred left at 2 P.M.
for Bultrons, and may have
to go to Algodones for our
renewal of permit from La
Juana.

12 Dec

Fred came in just before dark, riding his own mule and reports that Smith and Stahls had come in to Baltrons and that they had inquired for our permit at Albuquerque the 10th, and the Judge said that no such permit had come, This leaves us no alternative but to return to La Juana immediately.

13 Dec,

Two Rurals came into camp this forenoon, They said the Customs officer told them about us and they did not want to see our papers. They examined Freds mule rather critically and under other circumstances might have confiscated it, as it had no business this side of the line. Fred felt rather nervous about it, and soon after

They left, saddled up and
struck out for California, for
fear that they might conclude
to give him trouble, About 1
P.M., Fern and I pulled out
on the back track, camping
opposite Black Mountain 9 m

14 Dec

Out again in the morning
and drove on a couple of
miles and tied the horses
to a bush, and Fern and
I looked for deer in the
breaks along the foot of the
slope from the black peak.
We saw plenty of tracks
but no deer, I searched
at the Rancho and made
a dry camp for the night
finding fair grass for the
horses, George is lame and
seems weak, I am afraid
he will drive very slow on
the way home 15 m

15 Dec.

Reached Cameron Lake at noon and found Fred there. Left him some provisions. A family from Camped has come to the lake since we passed. They are intending to stay all winter, for the health of the head of the family.

5 miles out from the lake we met two Germans, walking and carrying their blankets. They said they had come from Julian and left Leavens but yesterday morning, with only a cupfull of water each. They were very thirsty and made a heavy & draft on our canteens. They said they were told that there was plenty of water and supplies to be had along the route. In fact it is 35 miles between waters here, and no store before reaching Grinnell, Iowa.

a light rain fell at dusk
for an hour, followed by
high winds. 21 m

16 Dec

a fine day, Passed Coyote
Wall 14 P.M. 19

17 Dec

We were six and a quarter
hours making the nine
miles up to Mountorn Sp.
On hitching up to go on I
found George's shoulder badly
swollen and it looked as
if he couldn't pull at all,
but by padding his collar
heavily he got along fairly
well. We reached Jacumba
Valley about 8 P.M. ~~18 m~~

~~Alt. Totopost Mtn, Sp, 2200~~

~~Summit 2000 Jacumba~~

~~Valley 2000~~

Alt Mtn. Sp. 2200

18 m

18 Dec

Drove to the upper store
at Campo, East wind today.
Alt of Jacumba Valley 2600,
of summit west of Wickers
Valley 3050.

22 m

19 Dec

East wind still. Laid
over half a day below Jacumba
to dry skins. Broke the
bolt that holds the stay from
the kingbolt and bent the
kingbolt on the hill below
Valentines Valley. Heated
the kingbolt in the fire
and hammered it straight
with the axe head, and
wired the stay so as to
get on to where a bolt could
be got.

14 m

20 Dec

A light east wind yet.
Drove to a couple of miles
above Bonavillas

27 m

21 Dec

Got into Lia Juana a little before noon. The Custom House officials passed us through with no bother, but our bondsmen Savin brings in a bill of \$14.15 gold for telegraphing to the City of Mexico &c. This I have not yet paid. Camped in north part of National City. 15 m

22 Dec

Drove into San Diego and put the team in the Peoples Caral 5 m

23 Dec

Staid in San Diego

I finally paid part of the telegraph bill

*The following 42
pages are blank.*

Sent Murrian

3	<i>Canis macrotis</i>	15
1	<i>Canis latrans</i>	3
1	<i>Nephelis nephetica</i>	
2	<i>Lynx</i>	6
2	" skulls only	1
3	<i>Canis latrans</i> , skulls	1.50

San Diego, 24 Dec,
by Express

2	<i>Neotoma f. macrotis</i>	1.50
2	" sp. ?	1.50
1	<i>Dipodomys deserti</i>	1
1	<i>Perodipus agilis</i>	75
1	<i>Perognathus spinatus</i>	75
2	<i>P. fallax</i>	1.50
7	<i>P. puniceellatus</i>	5.25
3	<i>Peromyscus l. media</i>	1.50
2	<i>P. l. deserticola</i>	1.00
12	<i>P. eremicus</i>	6

By mail from
Witch Creek,

Hay at Camp	80
" " National day	55
Fees at U. S. Customs House	30
Fifth wheel	1 25
Savings telegraphing bill	5 00
Cotton flannel	1 00

Baskets Receipts

Subtotal
2 30

Game

Nov 21	Paine	2 quail,	
24	"	2 "	1 cottontail
26	"	1 "	
29	"	2 "	1 wood
"	"	2 mallard,	1 wildgeese
"	Stephens	1 mallard,	1 quail
17	"	1 muskrat	test
Dec 2	Finn	1 duck	
3	Paine	5 ducks	
4	"	1 duck	
5	Stephens	1 quail	
6	Finn	1 "	
"	"	2 ducks	
"	Paine	1 deer	
9	Stephens	2 quail	
10	Paine	2 deer	
12	Stephens	1 quail	

Repair axle	P	3 50
Foods meats &c	P	1 50
Flour	S	165
Bullets	S	30
Hay & stable	S	175
Grain (1 sack)	S	130
Jasper	P	1 50
"	S	50
Breakfast	P	1 00
Savings bill	S	340

11,40

2,50

8,90

6,40

2,50

2 00

50

890

655

2,55

205

Francisco Colorado
Layman

Expenses, Partnership.

Potatoes	25 [¢]	P	40
Beans	25 [¢]	P	50
Salt	30 [¢]	P	45
Pappus		P	10
Bacon	12 [¢]	S	1 50
Raisins	10 [¢]	S	30
Porked Peaches	15 [¢]	S	75
2 doz Milk		P	2 40
Bale hay		S	75
Oats		S	25
Leval oil		P	40
Corned at Muskegon		S	25
Rollod Oats		P	50
Bakers Breadcrumbs		P	45
Flour		P	76
Rice		P	50
Sugar		P	1 00
Baking Powder		P	90
Yeast		P	5
Mintolus		P	5
Corned		S	70
Coffee		S	1 00
Coffee		S	1 00
Rollod Barley		S	75
Tobacco		S	1 00
Corned		S	1 00

Expenses

Powder, shot, primers, wads,	4 00
100 45-70 cartridges	3 00
Lead	40
1 doz dry plates	1 35
Developer	50
Permit to hunt	5 00
(Material on hand about 5.00)	5 00
Reloading tools	2 40
Brokers fee	5 00
" "	P 4 00
Duties, my share	3 70
Gas cal	20
Cotton	1 00
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	Walker	
Common Lake to Yuma	65m	
" "	71	Bushy
" "	7	D.W.
" "	11	"
" "	11	"
" "	11	"
" "	61	Laguna to Banks
" "	69	Jackson
" "	1	Bowie Well
" "	11	Bowie Bank



